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Title : Inclusion of 'Marathi' community in Kerala in the Scheduled Tribes list.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the problem of '*marathi*' community in Kerala. This community was included in the list of STs from 1952. It was, in fact, in Karnataka and Kerala States where this community was included in this list. Without proper verification and assessment, the earlier Government has excluded them from the STs list by an amendment in the Parliament. Knowing this, the Kerala representatives and the SC/ST Commission of Kerala has strongly demanded the Central Government to include them in the list. The Minorities Commission also visited the place and they strong recommended for the inclusion of this community in the list. They have been getting all the benefits given to STs, but now the students of this community, farmers and others were all denied the benefits which they had been enjoying[R94] earlier.

So, I would like to request the Government to take up this issue and come forward with an amendment.